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DOOLITTLE RAIDER'S TRADITION

CELEBRATED AT MEMORIAL

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Final Doolittle Raider celebrated at memorial

By Dan Hawkins

Air Education and Training Command
Public Affairs

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-RANDOLPH, Texas (AFNS) – The tradition of honor and legacy of valor that defined the life of retired Lt. Col. Richard “Dick” E. Cole were celebrated during a memorial service at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph, April 18.

On the day marking the 77th anniversary of the storied World War II Doolittle Tokyo raid and in a hangar surrounded by vintage aircraft linked to the Doolittle Raider’s career, Cole’s family and friends, Air Force senior leaders, and Airmen of all ranks gathered to recognize the accomplishments of the humble warrior from Ohio who answered his nation’s call in America’s darkest days.

After a stirring rendition of the national anthem by Cole’s grandson Aaron, Rich Cole, Lt. Col. Cole’s son and a retired U.S. Air Force lieutenant colonel like his father, spoke passionately about his father and his willingness to be a wingman and leader, defending his country with his life.

“All the (Doolittle Raiders) thought they were doing their job and they didn’t expect the adoration they got when they returned home,” Rich Cole said. “One of the greatest lessons my dad imparted on us was that being willing to do something impossible and die for your country was an honorable thing.”

Secretary of the Air Force Heather Wilson talked to those gathered about the strategic importance of the Doolittle Raiders and their risky mission to fly, fight and win in retaliation against Japan for their surprise attack on Pearl Harbor just months earlier.

“(The Raiders) planned the unthinkable,” Wilson said. “To strike Tokyo from an aircraft carrier...with a land-based bomber. If the 16-ship package had been discovered by Japanese subs, it could have ended what was left of the U.S. fleet in the Pacific.”

Wilson recounted how Cole once described heroes as those “who took risks that brought about important consequences,” but never counted himself among them.



U.S. AIR FORCE PHOTO BY TRISTIN ENGLISH

Attendees bow their heads during the invocation at a memorial service for retired Lt. Col. Richard “Dick” E. Cole at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph, Texas, on April 18. Cole, the last surviving Doolittle Raider, was the co-pilot on a B-25 Mitchell for then-Col. Jimmy Doolittle during the storied World War II Doolittle Tokyo Raid and was a founding Airman of the USAF Special Operations community.

“When America was at its lowest point, it needed a hero,” Wilson said. “(America) found 80 of them who put the country on their back and flew straight into the heart of the enemy. For this, we will never forget.”

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. David Goldfein told the audience several stories centered on Cole and how unassuming he was about his career, which included becoming one of the first air commandos

in the U.S. special operations community, viewing his own place in history simply as someone doing their job as part of the big picture.

“(Cole) and the Doolittle Raiders made the impossible, possible since 1942 as pioneers of global strike,” Goldfein said. “On that fateful day, Col. Cole and his fellow wingmen cemented the very notion of joint airpower with the clear statement that

America’s Air Force can hold any target at risk anywhere, anytime.”

Acknowledging the Cole family’s loss, the chief of staff spoke to Cole’s significant contributions to our nation’s defense and lifetime place in the Air Force family as “one of the rare giants of the Greatest

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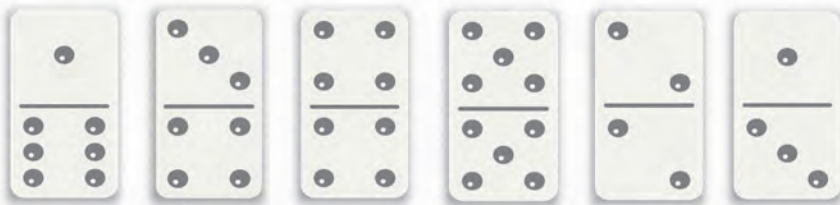
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Corrosion shop Airmen pioneer Air Force maintenance method

By Senior Airman Rhett Isbell
19th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Water, accompanied by a thunderous roar, rips C-130J impact-resistant belly tape at 20,000 pounds per square inch on Little Rock Air Force Base on March 27.

After eliminating several feet of tape across the underside of the aircraft, U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Dennis Williams, 19th Maintenance Squadron aircraft structural maintenance craftsman, turns off the water and looks at his progress. He sees bare metal that would have been far more difficult to reach a few weeks before.

The 19th MXS corrosion shop recently instituted the use of a pressure washer capable of shooting water up to 40,000 psi for the removal of belly tape. The tape is designed to reduce the impact of foreign objects to the underside of C-130Js, thereby saving the Air Force approximately \$10,000 per aircraft before they're sent off for scheduled, heavy maintenance.

"This would have been considered a specialized level of maintenance before,

but now we're able to do it right here in-house," said U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Dennis Williams, 19th MXS aircraft structural maintenance craftsman. "We're the first field-level maintenance team to be using this machine to remove the belly tape before it's sent off for scheduled maintenance."

Pioneering the use of this pressure washer at such a low level means 19th MXS Airmen are currently working with different shops to construct the guidelines that will be used by Airmen benefitting from its implementation far into the future. Using this new procedure to remove the belly tape also results in a safer working environment for the Airmen involved.

"It's friendlier to the user because all of the contaminants are trapped in the water," said U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Matthew Rollason, 19th MXS corrosion control production supervisor. "With the other method it was airborne and would require a respirator, but now we just need

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U.S. AIR FORCE PHOTO BY SENIOR AIRMAN RHETT ISBELL

U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Matthew Rosallon, 19th Maintenance Squadron corrosion control production supervisor, and U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Tyler Deere, 19th MXS aircraft structural maintenance journeyman, don their personal protective equipment before using a pressure washer at Little Rock Air Force Base on March 27. The protective suits include a layer of Kevlar for additional safety.

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a protective suit and a face shield for the water.”

Maintaining a safer level of work for Airmen is paramount, but other aspects of the mission to consider are the time, manpower and money saved by employing this new method of tape removal. The older method involved a handheld rubber wheel designed to tear away the tape and epoxy on the aircraft. This took many more hours and required more preparation than the pressure washer.

“Removing the belly tape before this was a monumental task,” Rollason said. “The process was friction-based and could take days to clear a couple feet, compared to now when it can be done in a few hours.”

Corrosion shop Airmen are looking for additional uses for the pressure washer as they learn the capabilities of the device. The new pressure washer system will hopefully lead to a faster, smarter Air Force for tomorrow’s Airmen.

“I’ve probably only touched the tip of the iceberg with this machine,” Williams said. “It opens a lot of doors.”



U.S. AIR FORCE PHOTO BY SENIOR AIRMAN RHETT ISBELL

U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Matthew Rosallon, 19th Maintenance Squadron corrosion control production supervisor, shows the new pressure washer of the 19th MXS corrosion shop used to remove the belly tape of C-130Js at Little Rock Air Force Base on March 27. The pressure washer replaced the outdated version of tape removal that was friction-based and could take days to complete.

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19 AW SPARK TANK IGNITES INNOVATION

By 19th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Airmen from the 19th Airlift Wing participated in a Spark Tank competition at Little Rock Air Force Base on March, 25.

A total of eight innovations were presented to a judging panel consisting of senior leaders. The contestants were given 10 minutes to “sell” their ideas to the judges and prove how they would benefit the wing by increasing lethality. Team Little Rock received \$450,000 as a part of the Air Force-wide squadron innovation fund, which would be used to fund innovative ideas.

“The passion these Airmen have for our business is amazing,” U.S. Air Force Col. Jennifer Allee, 19th Mission Support Group commander. “They understand their requirements, and finding ways to do their jobs better with more meaning and depth is a testament to the quality of individuals we bring into our service.”

The winner of the Spark Tank competition, James Faulkner, 19th Maintenance Group maintenance technician, created the eTool Tray. The tray mounts on all maintenance carts giving technicians the ability to place their laptops and tools without setting them on the ground with the risk of being damaged.

Among the innovations, six of eight were selected to receive funding. The selected innovations were

- eTool Tray: a tray that mounts on maintenance carts giving technicians a place to put their laptops and tools while working on an aircraft.

- Brush cutter with skid steer: A bobcat machine with an attachment to cut thick brush and trees.

- 3D printer: allows the printing of training aids and tools without the need to purchase.

- Zumro shelters: an inflatable tent that can be quickly set up to provide field hospitals, command



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James Faulkner, 19th Maintenance Group maintenance technician, displays his innovation that won first place in the Spark Tank competition at Little Rock Air Force Base on March 26. Faulkner created the eTool Tray that mounts on maintenance carts giving technicians a place to put their laptops and tools while working on an aircraft.

post, or any number of shelters required in a deployed environment.

- Orientation video: used to provide information on the options military members and their families have on and off base.

- Food trailer: used to support the Hercules Dining Facility’s new mobile food advisory board initiative.

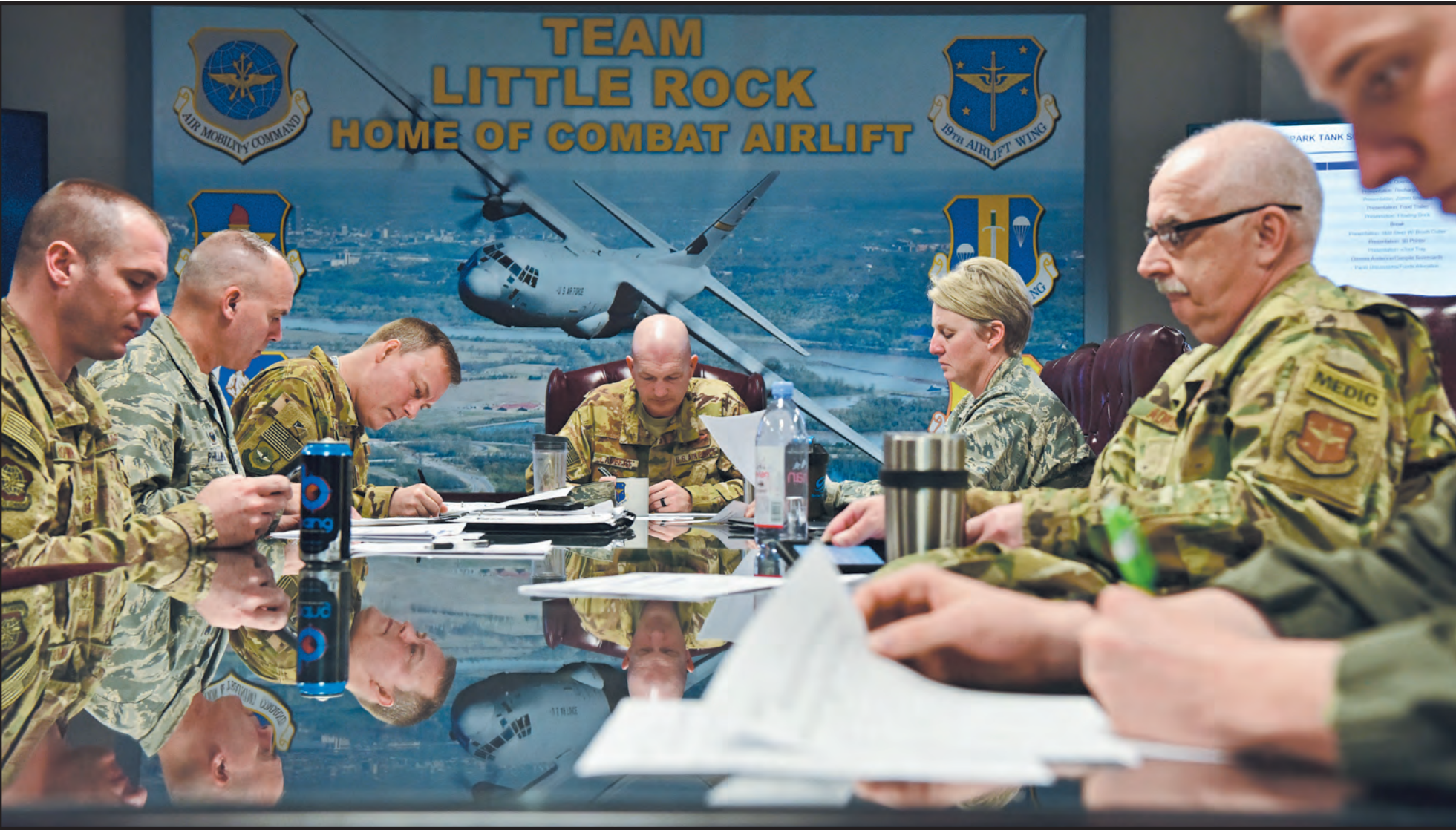
“We’re too focused on just doing our job,” Faulkner said. “We need to look how we can make things better. You always want to leave a place better than it was when you got there.”

Faulkner’s innovation is a testament to the capabil-

ity of TLR Airmen to enhance readiness in an ever-changing Air Force.

“Innovative Airmen find better ways of doing the mission,” said Chief of Staff of the Air Force Gen. David L. Goldfein. “Their intrapreneurship makes us more lethal, more efficient — they must be supported by leaders who not only remove unnecessary barriers to success, but who also lift up and champion their ideas.”

Airmen are encouraged to bring their innovative ideas forward and pass them up the chain of command to more effectively accomplish the Combat Airlift mission.



Spark Tank panel judges tally up the final scores of contestants before determining the winners at Little Rock Air Force Base on March 25. The Spark Tank competition gives Airmen the opportunity to bring innovative ideas forward and possibly receive funding.



Megan Wolery, 19th Force Support Squadron web specialist, presents her orientation video innovation at Little Rock Air Force Base on March 25. After the presentations, Wolery's innovation was among the six to received funding.



U.S. Air Force Col. Shane Haughian, 19th Operations Group commander, writes down notes from a Spark Tank presentation at Little Rock Air Force Base on March 25. Spark Tank contestants were given 10 minutes to present their innovations to a panel of judges for a chance at receiving funding.

ROCKI 19-06, insider's perspective: the foundation

By Airman 1st Class Kristine M. Gruwell
19th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

The 19th Civil Engineer Squadron filled in a simulated crater during ROCKI 19-06 at Little Rock Air Force Base on April 14.

This damage-control mission was an all-hands-on-deck repair for the 19th CES. Airmen with numerous air force specialty codes swarmed the site to finish this expedient repair to make sure aircraft can take off on the runway.

The process began with 19th CES engineering assistants estimating how much material is needed to repair the crater. Then the rest of the 19 CES Airman cleared out debris and filled it with usable material.

This is a rare operation for 19th CES but a very important one to make sure aircraft can get off the ground to complete the Combat Airlift mission.

"This isn't something we do every day, but it's something we have to know how to do," said U.S. Air Force Master Sgt. Jonathan Castleberry, 19th CES superintendent of operations engineering. "It's good to dust off our skills and showcase our Airmen with this repair."



Airmen assigned to the 19th Civil Engineer Squadron finish repairing a crater during a base-wide exercise at Little Rock Air Force Base on April 13. Filling a crater on the flight line is a repair that requires all hands on deck from the 19th CES to make sure aircraft can takeoff to complete the Combat Airlift mission.



U.S. Air Force Airman 1st Class Tyson Collier, 19th Civil Engineer Squadron engineer assistant, takes measurements to calculate the volume of a crater during a base-wide exercise at Little Rock Air Force Base on April 13. The size of the crater determines how quickly it can be repaired for aircraft to take off from the flight line.

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ROCKI 19-06, insider's perspective: The shirt

By Airman 1st Class Aaron Irvin
19th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Over the course of 17 days, Airmen from Little Rock Air Force Base worked alongside Airmen from Dyess Air Force Base, Texas, to tackle a full-spectrum readiness exercise to ensure Airmen are prepared to perform the necessary tasks in a deployed environment.

Operating in a deployed environment, although simulated, can take a toll on Airmen. This is where the first sergeant role came into play. Throughout the exercise, two first sergeants participated in filling this role.

Standards, discipline, morale. To some, these are just empty words, but to U.S. Air Force Master Sgt. Nicholas Ortiz, 19th Wing Staff Agency first sergeant, it's his moral compass to take care of Airmen.

"I am here to enforce standards and discipline, make sure morale is good, and to ensure everyone is taken care of," Ortiz said.

Every night, Ortiz traversed the simulated deployed encampment to speak with Airmen from every squadron ensuring morale was high and all Airmen were well taken care of.

"We want this to feel as real as possible, but we don't want people getting hurt," Ortiz said. "So I go around and make sure the Airmen have everything they need."

This exercise gave Airmen an opportunity to turn their flaws into strengths and prepare for tomorrow's challenges.

"This is an amazing opportunity for everyone to learn to work together," Ortiz said. "We're preparing for tomorrow's battles. We might have to suit up and when that happens, we want it to be muscle memory."

When the time comes to deploy, today's Airmen will be ready for the fight tomorrow.

"I'm extremely lucky and proud to be here and to have the opportunity to take care of all the Airmen at once," Ortiz said. "I'm just happy to make a difference where I can."



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(Middle) U.S. Air Force Master Sgt. Nicholas Ortiz, 19th Wing Staff Agency first sergeant, meets with (left) Airman 1st Class Timothy Duggan and (right) Airman 1st Class Dalton Leeper, 19th Security Forces Squadron defenders, during his nightly rounds during a full-spectrum readiness exercise at Little Rock Air Force Base on April 16. Team Little Rock Airmen worked alongside Airmen from Dyess Air Force Base, Texas, during a 17-day full-spectrum readiness exercise to ensure Airmen are prepared for both asymmetrical and conventional warfare scenarios.

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Generation.”

“(Cole’s) legacy will endure because as long as there is a United States Air Force, Airmen will toast him and his fellow Doolittle Raiders,” Goldfein said. “We are better prepared today to defend our great nation because of him...and because of you.”

Staff Sgt. Michelle Doolittle from the Band of the Golden West based at Travis Air Force Base, Calif., then sang “America the Beautiful” with backup from the Band of the West’s Freedom Brass quintet from JBSA-Lackland.

The performance held special meaning to the family with Staff Sgt. Doolittle being a descendant of Gen. Jimmy Doolittle, who led the raid on Tokyo and flew with Cole in Aircraft No. 1 in the B-25 Mitchell formation off the deck off the U.S.S. Hornet.

The city of San Antonio, represented by Mayor Ron Nirenberg, then presented the Cole family with a resolution of respect for



U.S. AIR FORCE PHOTO BY SEAN M. WORRELL

Secretary of the Air Force Heather Wilson speaks to attendees at the memorial service to celebrate the life of retired Lt. Col. Richard “Dick” E. Cole at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph, Texas, on April 18. Cole, the last surviving Doolittle Raider, was the co-pilot on a B-25 Mitchell for then-Col. Jimmy Doolittle during the storied World War II Doolittle Tokyo Raid.

Cole’s military service and record of personal sacrifice in helping others, as well as acknowledging

Cole’s deep ties to the San Antonio area and expressing their condolences over his passing.

Even after retirement from the service in 1966, Cole never left his fellow Airmen behind, representing the Air Force and the Doolittle Raiders at events around the country, promoting the spirit of service and heritage among new generations of Airmen.

“The Doolittle Foundation Scholarship foundation was extremely important to my dad,” Rich Cole said.

“He spent the last 50 years of his life raising awareness and donations for the scholarship; it really was his way of not only giving back to Gen. (Jimmy) Doolittle’s memory, but to the Air Force.”

After a final salute to the Doolittle Raider from his son, and with “Amazing Grace” wafting over the hangar from a ceremonial bagpipe, guests were

ushered outside for flybys from aircraft with historical significance and ties to Cole, including an RC-135 reconnaissance aircraft from his days with the 95th Bombardment Squadron; a B-52 Strato-fortress bomber; a historic B-25 Mitchell bomber; and finally a “Missing Man” formation flown by T-38C Talons from the 12th Flying Training Wing.



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